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Serial #: 09/444,739  
Applicant: Michael G. Mikurak  
Filed: November 22, 1999  
Title: TECHNOLOGY SHARING DURING DEMAND AND SUPPLY PLANNING IN A  
NETWORK-BASED SUPPLY CHAIN ENVIRONMENT

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Examiner: M. Irshadullah  
Docket #: 060021-335501

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to an Office Action mailed February 26, 2004 made final (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests the concurrently submitted Request for Continued Examination be granted, and that the above identified application be amended as follows.

Applicant additionally petitions that the prosecution of this application be suspended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 103(c) for a period of three months. Applicant has enclosed the appropriate fee for such suspension.